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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

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For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
IMPROVING THE INTELLIGIBILITY
OF DIGITALLY COMPRESSED
SPEECH"

Group Art Unit: 2654

Examiner: STORM, DONALD L.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSECERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
DATE OF TRANSMISSION: 8/26/04I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING
TRANSMITTED VIA FACSIMILE TO THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AT FACSIMILE NO. (703) 872-8306.

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of May 26, 2003 (Paper No. 9). A Fee Transmittal is attached for fees owed for additional claims added in this Amendment and Response. Applicant believes that the additional claim fees amount to \$434 as specified in the attached Fee Transmittal. Please charge any additional fees deemed necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

boosting an amplitude when a fricative is detected, the Omori reference does not disclose, teach or suggest boosting the amplitude for an unvoiced fricative while not boosting the amplitude when a voiced fricative has been detected. Thus, Applicant believes that new claim 34 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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